(c) to (e) The details of the projects which will result in capacity addition during the 9th Plan period (1997—2002) are given below:

Name of Project and Company	Type	Status	Capacity (MW)
N.T.P.C.			
Auraiya	Gas	New, yet to be approved	650
Unchahar	Thermal	Ongoing	420
T.H.D.C.			
Tehri Stage-I	Hydro	Ongoing	1000

Shortage of Coal to Badarpur Thermal Power Unit

559. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Badarpur Thermal Power Plant has been facing severe shortage of Coal;

(b) whether one unit of that plant is likely to be closed down; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to get coal as per the demand of that plant to ensure the smooth running of the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) All the Units of the Badarpur Thermal Power Station are working and no unit will be closed down on account of coal supply. In the past the Badarpur Thermal Power Station has on occasions not been getting regular coal supplies because of default in payments by Badarpur Thermal Power Station to coal companies and Railways owing to inadequate realisation of dues from Delhi Vidyut Board. However, as a result of efforts made in consultation with Governmernt of NCT of Dellu std Ministry of Home Affairs there has been some improvement in the payment current dues.

(c) The Central Electricity Auth« monitoring the coal supply to thermal power stations including Ba Thermal Power Station on a in addition, supply of coal sectors including power sector is monitored fortnightly' by See (Coordination). Cabinet Secretariat in a meeting of Group of Officers fro Ministries of Coal, Power, Ste Transport, CEA, NTPC andCIL

Private Sector participation in tram sion and Distribution of Power

560. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of POWER pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a tact that ment have decided in principle to private sector participation in sion and distribution of power; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF P ER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) and (b) The Government had in duccd the Electricity Laws (Amend; Bill, 1997, in Parliament on 13' 1997. The Bill will provide an frame work for private so tion in transmission projects. The ; oscd amendments would facilitau entry of private transmission as transmission The Bill is under the Standing Committee on *Eiv.*